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SUBJECT: PLO REPS INVITED TO INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION
MEETING

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1. AT SPRING MEETING IN COLOMBO, ELEVEN-MAN IPU EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE (EC) REJECTED BY 6-4 VOTE REQUEST OF PALESTINE
NATIONAL COUNCIL TO OBSERVE LONDON IPU CONFERENCE. ACTION
TAKEN ON GROUNDS IPU RULES PROVIDE OBSERVER STATUS
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ONLY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF

EC AT THAT TIME WAS US CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI WHO AS PRE-SIDING OFFICER DID NOT VOTE. IPU COUNCIL, HOWEVER, LATE ON LAST DAY OF COLOMBO SESSION, OVERTURNED EC RECOMMENDATION BY VOTE OF 53-34 WITH 17 ABSTENTIONS. US DELEGATION WAS NOT PRESENT DUE TO ONWARD TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS.

2. DEPT UNDERSTANDS SWEDISH IPU GROUP HAS NOW SUBMITTED AMENDMENT TO IPU RULES THAT WOULD PERMIT COUNCIL TO INVITE OBSERVERS OTHER THAN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THUS BRINGING RULES INTO LINE WITH PREVIOUS INVITATION TO PLO. BRITISH SUB-AMENDMENT WOULD REQUIRE TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN COUNCIL FOR SUCH INVITATIONS. ISRAELI DEL HAS REQUESTED

IPU COUNCIL TO ADD SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM TO CANCEL PREVIOUS INVITATION TO PLO.

3. FYI. MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION TO LONDON MEETING HAVE TAKEN NO POSITION ON PLO CONTROVERSY IN IPU AND ARE UNLIKELY TO DO SO UNTIL THEY CAN ASSESS SITUATION AT CONFERENCE AND CONSULT WITH OTHERS, PARTICULARLY BRITISH IPU DELEGATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, REP DERWINSKI WILL BE IN LONDON IN ADVANCE OF MAIN CODEL IPU FOR EC MEETING SEPTEMBER 2 AND WILL WISH TO BE IN TOUCH WITH MP TOM WILLIAMS. WHILE US DELEGATION WOULD THEREFORE NOT WISH TO STIMULATE SPECULATION REGARDING ITS POSITION, IT IS NOT RPT NOT ACCURATE TO STATE (STORY CITED PARA 2 REFTEL) THAT US IS QUOTE PRESSING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF INVITATION ON LEGAL GROUNDS UNQUOTE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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